

REMARKS

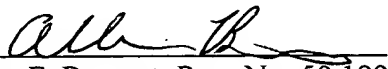
In the Office Action dated June 3, 2003, the Examiner rejected the oath or declaration as being defective. The Examiner also objected to the specification because it lacked an Abstract. Claims 2-3 and 5 were rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, and Claims 2-3 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In response, Applicant has provided a revised oath or declaration, has amended the specification to include an Abstract and has amended the pending claims. Applicant now believes the application to be in condition for allowance for the reasons explained below.

The Examiner noted that the rejection of Claims 2-3 and 5 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, could be overcome by amending these claims such that they only read on poultry. Applicant has amended the claim such that they specifically refer to chickens and canceled Claims 2-3. Applicant therefore believes that this rejection has been overcome.

Claims 2-3 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As stated above, Claims 2-3 have been canceled. The Examiner indicated that Claim 15 needed clarification by including a step establishing that poultry are either susceptible to or resistant to induced pulmonary hypertension and that these two groups may be separated from one another. Applicant believes that revised Claim 15 clarifies this point. Applicant therefore believes Claim 15 to be allowable.

For all the above reasons, Applicant now believes that the application should be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If, for some reason, any other issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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